

N. C. S. V. CONFERENCE HELD AT N. C. STATE

TWELFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
MARCH 9, 10, 11

The twelfth annual N. C. Student Volunteer Conference was held at N. C. State College March 9, 10, 11. Representatives from all the colleges of the State, both non-volunteers and volunteers, were present. From time to time we were privileged to have with returned missionaries and Christian workers here at home who contributed much inspiration as well as information to the delegates.

The first session held Friday afternoon set the keynote for the whole conference. It was a brief but impressive prayer service. W. C. Cummings, president of State Y. M. C. A., led the devotions. From beginning to end the spirit of prayer and a desire for service permeated the atmosphere. The one dominant note sounded throughout the whole was "That the World Might Know Jesus as He is revealed in the Bible."

At the Friday evening service Dr. W. C. Riddick, president of State College, extended to all the delegates a heartfelt welcome to State College campus. His State boys, following his example, made the newcomers to State dialect "a stranger never comes on our campus feel "at home," for in State campus."

At this time Pauline Patton, Meredith, conducted the devotions, after which she and Joscelyn Cox sang "Teach Me to Pray." An address by Rev. Wade C. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, followed, entitled "Looking unto Him."

A very striking feature of the evening service was the unique use of illustrated songs brought to the conference by George C. Bellingrath from Union Seminary. Mr. Bellingrath further favored the conference by an illustrated lecture, "The Challenge of a World Task."

Saturday and Sunday were full days of the conference. Saturday morning Mrs. D. W. Herring, a missionary on furlough from China, addressed the conference on the "Work of Women among the Chinese Women." She echoed the age-old Macedonian call "Come over and help us."

Following her, Dr. Lee, a Medical Missionary to China, spoke on "The Growth of Hospitals in China." Necessarily because of Chinese ignorance and enslaving superstition such growth was slow. From the half-smothered efforts of the pioneers in Chinese Medical Missions comes a new challenge. Those who respond find a two-fold opportunity for service while ministering to the diseased body they have a great privilege of ministering to the sin-sick soul.

Part of the morning hour was devoted to practical suggestions from the delegates as to the most effective ways of carrying out a special missionary education campaign on the college campus. We were fortunate in having with us during this conference Virginia Pritchard and Lyman Hoover, trav-

elling secretaries for the Student Volunteer Movement.

On Saturday evening the Trinity delegation presented a pageant, "The Gift of Self," in Pullen Hall. After this all the delegates were entertained at an informal "get-together" in the Y. M. C. A. building, by the Y. W. C. A. Cabinets of Meredith and Peace, and Y. M. C. A. Cabinet of State. Along with the other treats such as ice cream and cake, Pauline Patton sang "If No one Ever Marries Me."

At morning watch on Sunday morning Dr. R. C. McQuilkin, Dean of Bible Institute, Columbia, S. C., talked on "The Secret of a Christian Life," holding up as a model the Apostle Paul. Paul's secret of the Christian life is found in Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet, not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

At the regular eleven o'clock church service the delegates were privileged to visit in any of the City churches.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. J. L. Anderson, a returned missionary from interior China, told us of the origin of the N. C. Student Volunteer Union, and the World Student Christian Federation, held in Peking, China. It is interesting for us as Meredithites to note that Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of Meredith, Minnie Middleton while here, who later married John L. Anderson, a State College man, and sailed for China. All of us know John L. Anderson, if from no other way, through Gordon Poteat's *A Great Heart of the South*. As briefly as possible, Mrs. Anderson gave us an outline of the beginning and early proceedings of the N. C. State Union. In 1909 John L. Anderson and Gordon Poteat, students at Wake Forest College, and Bessie Lane from Meredith, attended a State Student Volunteer Conference in South Carolina. In these great hearts the seed of the N. C. State Union were sown. The first visible fruit was borne when in 1912 a N. C. State Union was organized and a conference held in the Astrotekton Society Hall of Meredith College. The second conference was held at Greensboro.

Madge Hardaway, from Flora McDonald, and J. A. Bradley, Carolina, the Council members of the Union for 1923-1924, made interesting reports of their trip to Yonkers, New York, where were discussed vital plans for the Student Volunteer Movement at large. Representatives were at this Council from all the States in the Union.

On Sunday evening the devotions were led by J. A. Bradley, the newly-elected president for the year 1923-1924. The out-going president of 1922-1923 was Guy E. Weeks, Davidson.

The closing session was fraught with prayer and earnest consecration. Dr. C. L. Housall of the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered a crowning address to the conference, emphasizing the bigness of the task that falls on student volunteers. Lyman Hoover followed him with a keen inspirational talk.

The conference meant to the Volunteers a strengthening of their purpose which is to go, if God permits, to the foreign fields. To the non-volunteers it was a clearer vision of their relation to Jesus and their relation to the world. We rejoice that so soon two from our own Meredith girls have volunteered for definite service in the foreign fields. We are praying for others. Will you be one? May we each search honestly our hearts and lives and be able to say truthfully, "Father, not my will, but Thine be done."

College News

Mary Biggs and Helen Sertelle spent a most unusual week-end at Zebulon.

Marion deVlaming and Blanche Stokes were the house guests of Dot Miller in Kinston.

Bonnie Fogleman and Ruth Buffaloe visited in Greensboro the latter part of the past week end.

Susie Herring was in Fuquay Springs the past week.

Bessie Tomlinson and Elizabeth Daniel were in Wilson last week.

Mary Bowers, Beatrice Martin, Helen Thompson were the week-end guests of Janet at Wake Forest.

Ruby Honeycutt spent the week-end with her parents.

Nell Benthall left college Friday to attend the wedding of her sister.

Geraldine Gower was in Clayton for the past week-end.

Jane Beavers and Blanche Banks spent a most enjoyable week-end at Boylan Heights.

Georgy Bunn was the recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Witherspoon, in Raleigh.

Gertrude Bowen has been at her home in Durham for the past few days.

Tasca Tolar is at home for recuperation.

Elizabeth Purnell visited her home in Franklinton.

Margaret Duncan and Margaret Wyatt were in Castalia visiting friends last week.

Edna Askew and Blanche Martin were in Benson during the past week.

Virginia Barnes, too, spent a pleasant week-end in Henderson.

Margaret Herring spent Sunday in town with her sister.

Nannie and Susie Reams visited their home last week-end.

MISS V. PRITCHARD IN CHAPEL FRIDAY

TRAVELING SECRETARY FOR S. V.
MAKES EARNEST APPEAL TO
GIRLS

On Friday morning, March 9, Miss Virginia Pritchard, one of the four traveling secretaries for the Student Volunteer Movement, spoke in chapel. She gave a brief sketch of the lives of three men, who have stood out in

their service for humanity, and their work with Volunteers of the United States. These men were Sam Higgins-bottom, Cyril Haas and Paul Harrison. Each, after going through with many hardships in their early life, did service not only in the United States, but in foreign countries. These men are remembered today for what they have done, and are still doing. Their powerful influence has touched many lives and they have made students face the problem of life work for the Master. As a result, girls and boys have become Volunteers, some of whom are on the foreign field now.

Miss Pritchard ended her talk by telling the audience that Mrs. John L. Anderson, formerly Minnie Middleton, an old Meredith graduate, was to be at the N. C. Student Volunteer Conference which began that afternoon and lasted through the following Sunday night.

There were two visitors present for the chapel service; Elmer King, Treasurer of N. C. Volunteer Union, a senior at N. C. State, and Guy Weeks, President of the Union, a senior at Davidson College.

MRS. JOHN ANDERSON SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

FORMER MEREDITH STUDENT
HEARD WITH ENTHUSIASM

Mrs. John L. Anderson, one of Meredith's Alumnae, gave a very impressive talk in Chapel Saturday morning, March 10, on "Prayer and Self-consecration." First, she told about a Chinese Bible woman, who had prayed earnestly all night for money with which to carry on her work. The answer came next morning in the form of a hundred dollar check. In the true, unselfish spirit she gave God all the praise, and threw herself more eagerly in the work that she might prove her appreciation.

The other story was one which represented self-sacrifice. It was about an old Chinese bell-maker, who, in obedience to the command of the Emperor, was compelled to make a perfect bell. Twice he tried and failed. Word came to him that if he did not succeed the third time, his head would answer for it. Human blood had to be added to the metal in the making of this perfect bell. Discouraged, he went home and told his wife and little daughter. Later, when the metal was ready to be molded into this perfect bell, the daughter came and threw herself into it, thus supplying the human blood. Her sacrifice was through love of her father; our love for Jesus should make us give ourselves for Him in serving our fellowman.

Annie Bowen—"Oh, George, are you going to be a Mason?"

George Murray—"Yes, really so, are you going to be a 'Carpenter'?"

Ida Lowe—"Why does he carry his cane?"

Blanche Stokes—"Because it can't walk!"